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WebCT Responds to Campus Need for Online Teaching Resources

Imagine a class where no paper handouts are given, malfunctioning video projectors in lecture halls are of no concern, and students can work collaboratively without worrying about a room in which to meet. These same students get updated class changes instantly, engage in interactive discussion without leaving home, and can go over assigned video clips at their convenience.

Approximately 950 University of Maryland students are currently enrolled in classes offering all or some of the above learning tools through an off-the-shelf software package called Web CT (Web Course Tools). Described as a "web-based course management tool offering an integrated online course environment," WebCT is the result of the growing need on campus for more sophisticated and manageable online teaching resources. As faculty have become increasingly involved with using online resources in their classroom curriculum, the need for expanded resources has grown.

Ellen Yu Borkowski, a member of the Teaching Technologies group in Academic Information Technology Services (AITs), is responsible for the training and support given to WebCT use on campus. Borkowski says WebCT is "the most robust package, encompassing a large number of tools that make it very flexible." Created by a faculty member at the University of British Columbia, it is reasonably priced, and can be modified if needed. "Strenuous testing and input from several faculty focus groups" figured in the final selection of this particular package, says Borkowski.

The first faculty training workshop took place last August with 19 faculty members participating. An additional 48 faculty members attended fall semester workshops in preparation for using WebCT in spring classes.

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Clinton Visits Campus, Rallies for AmeriCorps

When President Bill Clinton challenged America's youth for greater participation in the AmeriCorps program last Wednesday, the right people seemed to be listening.

Apart from more than 700 members of AmeriCorps who had turned up from all corners of the state to hear him praise their efforts, there were more than 900 students in the audience. Some of them had gotten up early the morning before to get tickets to the program.

Still more students waited hours outside Ritchie Coliseum, where the event was held, to catch a glimpse of the president on what was luckily a warm and sunny day. They mingled with numbers of protestors carrying placards that shouted: "Jail to the chief," and



In a packed Ritchie Coliseum last Wednesday, surrounded by 700 AmeriCorps members, President Clinton announced his proposal to increase the AmeriCorps budget \$113 million in the year 2000.

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All is in Order to Form a More Perfect Union

With its blend of novel offerings—from ballrooms and bowling alleys to a bank and a bookstore—many view the Stamp Student Union as the living room of the campus community. If so, then within the next three years the Union will have all the comforts of a brand new home.

Nearly 10 years in planning, the \$40 million Stamp Student Union renovations are slated to start in May, says Stephen Gnadt, associate director of the Union. By February 2002 the totally refurbished Union will have a fresh new look and layout, plus additional retail/food choices, office spaces and meeting areas.

Built in 1954, the Stamp Student Union started out only half its current size of 250,000 square feet. The sixties saw the addition of the Colony Ballroom and the area which houses offices like Commuter Affairs and Campus Programs. Just in time for celluloid classics like *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*, the Hoff Theater opened its doors in the 1970s. The last major construction to the Union was when a patio walkway and elevator tower by Nyumburu Cultural Center were added to the building.

With daily traffic of more than 17,000 people, the Union is home to the campus bookstore, several food establishments, administrative and student organization offices, a bank, coffee shop and a bowling alley—all under one roof. One complex roof, that is.

"[With the different additions] we ended up with four buildings connected together with stairwells that don't go any-

where and hallways you don't know if you'll ever come out of," says Gnadt.

Katie Doll, a junior journalism major says she goes to the Union about every other day to do banking, eat lunch and send mail. However, as a freshman she initially found navigating her way through the Union a confusing task.

"It took a few wrong turns [through the Union] to finally get things right," she says.

Since most student unions serve as the hub of student activities, the renovations to Stamp follow a nationwide trend toward expanding and improving these facilities at universities nationwide. According to a 1997 *Wall Street Journal* article: "Student unions have become increasingly important because... they are the buildings most students and parents ask to see."

"The Union is so much a part of the fabric of the campus," says Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, associate director of Stamp Student Union and Campus Programs. She says the building serves as a campus community center, providing a variety of goods and services. Plus, the Union brings a wealth of student activities and events all under one roof, she says.

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As part of a special exhibit on display in the Stamp Student Union last January, the drawings pictured above gave the campus a chance to see what the 45-year-old union will look like when \$40 million worth of renovations are complete in the year 2002.

Former Head of IRS to Address Investors Group

Margaret Milner Richardson, commissioner of Internal Revenue from 1993 to 1997, addresses the campus' Investors Group Wednesday, Feb. 24, at noon in Room 4137 McKeldin Library. Richardson's address, "Tax Reform and the New Friendlier IRS-What This Means for the Individual Taxpayer," is particularly timely as it occurs during tax preparation season and during an era when the IRS is undergoing massive changes, both technologically and culturally.

"She's very personable and has promised to relate to us a few humorous anecdotes from her time as the head of the IRS," says Gary Kraske, founder of the Investors Group, who notes Richardson also will be quite willing to answer any and all questions from the group during her address.

Richardson has an impressive set of credentials. As commissioner, she worked to provide taxpayers with better service and to make it easier for them to obtain information, file returns and make tax payments.

She received her J.D., with honors, from the George Washington Law School in 1968, clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and then joined the office of Chief Counsel of the IRS, becoming the first woman promoted to executive rank in the history of that office. A graduate of Vassar College, she is active in the District of Columbia and Virginia law associations, and serves on a number of local boards and charity foundations. Currently she is a member of Ernst & Young in Washington, D.C., advising clients on domestic and global tax issues.

The Investors Group is affiliated with the Friends of the Library and meets monthly to discuss issues related to personal finance and investing. Membership is free and open to all, whether affiliated with the university or not.



Margaret Milner Richardson

A Letter from the Senate

The University of Maryland is reputed to have one of the better systems of shared campus governance in the United States. This reputation is largely a consequence of the high quality time and effort expended each year by a large number of faculty, staff and students who serve on the College Park Senate and its 15 standing committees.

Much of the most important work in providing high quality advice to President Dan Mote and other administrators on a wide range of university policies and procedures is performed by the standing committees. The best efforts occur when members of the campus community serve on committees in which they have a genuine interest. Therefore, each year, the College Park Senate issues a campus-wide call for faculty, staff and students to express an interest in and preference for committee service.

As a member of the campus community, faculty and staff soon will receive information in the campus mail about the standing committees of the Senate. Additional information

about the charge to each committee and its recent activities is available on the web at <www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Senate>.

Please review the information provided in the mail then indicate the committees on which you would prefer to serve. Return the forms by March 5 to:

**College Park Senate
Attention: Standing
Committee Preference
Room 1100 Marie
Mount Hall
College Park, MD
20742-7530.**

Please feel free to contact the Senate Office at 405-8470 if you have any questions or you do not receive the information in the mail. Your interest and efforts in this endeavor will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dawn Leavell, executive secretary of the Senate and
William Walters, chair-elect of the Senate (99-00), and chair, Committee on Committees (yes, there is such a committee)

Center for Anxiety Disorders Opens

The Maryland Center for Anxiety Disorders has opened at the University of Maryland, offering specialized behavior therapy for children and adults suffering from various types of anxiety disorders.

Among the conditions treated at the Center are panic disorder, social phobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress syndrome, agoraphobia and specific phobias such as the fear of heights or insects.

"The conditions treated in the center are those characterized by anxiety and fears that are interfering with a person's life or causing them significant distress," explains co-director Deborah Beidel, who, along with her co-director Samuel Turner, has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. The two psychologists have been working together in the area of anxiety disorders for more than 10 years.

The center is located within the top-ranked clinical program of the department of psychology. Turner says the larger, more culturally diverse population in the greater Baltimore-Washington area opens new challenges for the center's nationally-recognized work.

Many patients receive free treatment because the center is a research facility that conducts clinical research funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and other organizations. According to Beidel, the same type of treatment would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 elsewhere.

One of the things that makes the center

unique is it treats children as well as adults. The center has a Childhood Shyness Program for children 8-12 years old. According to Beidel, children who develop social anxiety before age 11 are not likely to outgrow the disorder without some type of intervention, but they can benefit from treatment.

Beidel and Turner take two treatment approaches: teaching patients the skills necessary for more effective interactions, and teaching them ways to deal effectively with the overwhelming fear and anxiety. Treatment is tailored to each person and his or her phobia. Most treatment is completed without medication, but medication is used when necessary. Interventions typically last 12 weeks.

Beidel's and Turner's social phobia treatments are now being used across the country. Beidel and Turner are each the authors of more than 130 journal articles, book chapters and books. Beidel and Turner's most recent book, published in January 1998 by the American Psychological Association, is "Shy Children, Phobic Adults: The Nature and Treatment of Social Phobia." Among Turner's other books are the "Handbook of Clinical Behavior Therapy"; "Behavioral Theories and Treatment of Anxiety"; "Treating Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder"; and "Adult Psychopathology and Diagnosis."

For more information on the Maryland Center for Anxiety Disorders, call 405-0232.

Abstracts, Nominations Sought for Graduate Research Interaction Day

The ninth annual Graduate Research Interaction Day (GRID) conference will be held Thursday, April 22, and is one of a series of events featured during the presidential inauguration. GRID provides graduate students from all disciplines an opportunity to present their research via oral and poster presentations, and facilitates dissemination of knowledge throughout the campus community.

Graduate students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to present their research in oral presentation panels or poster presentation sessions. Faculty and staff are asked to identify and encourage graduate students to participate in this event. In addition, faculty are needed to judge the presentations.

This year, the Graduate Student Government joins the graduate school in singling out the pivotal role dedicated and focused mentorship plays in the training of outstanding scholars by honoring strong faculty mentors and naming a Faculty Mentor of the Year during the GRID conference. The Faculty Mentor of the Year Award will be presented during the GRID luncheon by President Dan Mote.

Once again, cash awards will be offered for outstanding graduate student presentations in individual categories. The deadline for submitting abstracts is Monday, March 1.

"Call for Abstracts and Nominations" information forms are available in the Graduate Student Government office, Room 1211Q Stamp Student Union. For more information about being a faculty judge or participating in GRID, phone 314-8430, or e-mail kdgraves@wam.umd.edu. The address for abstracts and nominations submitted via campus mail is Graduate Student Government Office, Box 105 Stamp Student Union.

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Clinton Challenges Students to Serve in AmeriCorps

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"Stop the war against Iraq."

But the adoration clearly outweighed the dissatisfaction, especially among members of the AmeriCorps program that Clinton launched in 1993, from this campus. Huge cheers went through the auditorium when he called on potential volunteers to "celebrate our differences" and "make America a better place." The cheers were even louder when he announced he was requesting a \$585 million budget increase for AmeriCorps in the year 2000 — an increase of more than \$113 million. With this hike, he said, he hoped high-school-age Americans could volunteer part time during school and full time during summer.

Members of AmeriCorps, a program which describes itself as "the domestic Peace Corps", work through local nonprofits and schools to tutor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, organize neighborhood watch groups, clean rivers, recruit volunteers and accomplish other things that improve and strengthen American communities.

This year, more than 40,000 AmeriCorps members will help with 2,200 projects around the country. In return for their service, each member will receive up to \$4,275 to help finance college or pay back student loans.

The program, said Clinton, "embodies a determination to draw the country closer." He pointed out that there were parts of the world where people were using religion to find differences

among themselves, not realizing that humanity was the most important thing. Helping others, he said, was the secret behind "finding ways to relish, celebrate and honor our differences."

Endorsing AmeriCorps' "Call to Service" effort that seeks to enroll more than 50,000 members over the next year, Clinton challenged America's youth to devote a year or two to helping others and to "make this generation one of doers and patriots."

Recalling his own commitment to peace and service, he said he treasures a 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps cap he keeps in a back room of the White House to "remember the unifying power of citizen service in one of the most difficult times for the United States."

The president also lauded efforts made by MTV to encourage participation in AmeriCorps. MTV host, Carson Daly, who attended the event, spoke of the public announcements put out by MTV to encourage participation in AmeriCorps.

Other speakers at the event included AmeriCorps director Harris Wofford, Gov. Parris Glendening, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry, and university President Dan Mote.

Welcoming Clinton, President Mote said the university was proud to have been chosen five years ago by Clinton for the launch of the program, and was even more proud of his return. "The

real value of education is measured by service to others," he said.

Wofford hoped for the day when youth did not wonder whether they would do the AmeriCorps service, but where they would do it.

Glendening said this generation had a "responsibility to improve the world for the next generation," while Kennedy Townsend called AmeriCorps an "extra-

ordinary legacy" for which the citizens of Maryland were "deeply, deeply grateful" to President Clinton.

—VAISHALI HONAWAR



University of Maryland President Dan Mote and President Clinton share a handshake following Clinton's remarks. Mote noted the university's pride in hosting the event.

WebCT Responds to Campus Need for Online Teaching Resources

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Reaction from faculty using the software has been very positive overall. Carmen Coustaut, associate professor in the theatre department, used WebCT in her "African Americans in Film and Theatre" class last semester. Coustaut, who describes herself as minimally to moderately computer literate, likes the student management aspect, especially the online grading ability of the software.

Coustaut also has used some of the basic tools when assigning paper topics. "I made a page with buttons linking to the MLA format page, a link to a page with instructions for writing the papers, and a 'Click Here for Instructions on Submitting the Paper Topic' button." But while Coustaut likes all the automatic resources available, she worries the students are not taking advantage of them.

When Jewel Barlow, director of the Glenn L. Martin Wind Tunnel, participated in last summer's WebCT training workshop, he did so with the idea he would be teaching a small graduate level class, and using a lot of visual aids. Instead, he ended up teaching an undergraduate aeronautical engineering class with approximately 35 sophomores. Still, he

decided to use WebCT in his class.

"I had been involved with the Institute for Distance Learning last year," says Barlow, "and knew the kinds of tools I wanted to see in an online teaching environment—especially two-way communication—and the kind of freedom provided when students can hand sketches back and forth." Barlow also likes the way he can encompass visuals into the course. "Because I lacked total control before, I would never put up images on the World Wide Web for a class," he says.

WebCT also is effective in large classes. Biology Professor Arthur Popper uses WebCT as a supplement in his 350-student "Principles of Biology I" class. "I can use visuals in a way I can't in a normal classroom setting," says Popper. "Once an image is made available, a student can download it and have it as long as, or whenever, he or she needs it." Popper also takes advantage of the Bulletin Board and Chat Room features to enhance outside discussion.

Coustaut, Barlow and Popper all encountered some initial reluctance to WebCT on part of their students. "They found it hard to use, and saw it as just one more tool they had to learn," says Popper.

And everyone agreed the initial set-up for a class could be time consuming. Images need to be scanned, common classroom handouts, such as syllabi, outlines and lecture notes, need to be put online, and training time needs to be scheduled.

But the biggest problem Coustaut and Barlow found was student complaints about access to computers. With the high concentration of memory-intensive visual and audio tools, downloading from a home computer with a modem can be prohibitive, and a stroll through any Open Workstation Lab will show the long lines of students waiting to use machines. Barlow also heard from his students about the difficulty in accessing the visuals that take up huge amounts of memory.

One highly praised function of WebCT is security. Members of a WebCT class are assigned a unique ID and password, and only they are allowed access to the environment. The software package is run off a University of Maryland web server, with no outside access allowed. So unlike pages on the World Wide Web, the instructors do not have to worry about the integrity of the information.

Coustaut, Barlow and Popper all agree they would use WebCT again in

the future. In fact, Popper is using it for a small upperlevel class this semester and plans to use it again for the 100 level class next fall. Coustaut is looking forward to offering her screenwriting class using WebCT because the environment is so conducive to group writing.

What makes WebCT work more than anything is support, say the faculty. "Without Ellen and the Teaching Technologies staff, using WebCT would not work at all," says Barlow. "Support is crucial every step of the way."

The Teaching Technologies group is working on integrating WebCT into the administrative systems on campus. The current project is to link WebCT information with UMEG to allow for automatic loading of class rosters at the beginning of the semester and automatic grade submissions at the end of the semester.

The home page for WebCT at the University of Maryland is <www.courses.umd.edu>. For further information about using WebCT in the classroom, contact Ellen Yu Borkowski at 405-2922 or eyu@umd5.umd.edu. Visit the Institute for Instructional Technology website for scheduling information and to register for WebCT classes at <www.inform.umd.edu/IIT/current.html>.

—GAIL MILLER

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Your Guide to University Events
February 16-25, 1999

February 16

12:30 p.m. School of Music: "The Importance of Studying African-American Art Song: A Lecture Recital," Darryl Taylor, University of Northern Iowa. Ulrich Recital Hall Tawes Fine Arts Bldg.

3:30 p.m. Department of French and Italian Public Lecture: "Tocqueville, Premier, Theoricien de la Democratie: Societe et Exercice Intellectuel." 3120 Jimenez Hall.

4 p.m. Physics Department: "Two-Photon Entanglement: From 'Ghost Image' to 'Quantum Eraser,'" Yanhua Shih, UMBC. 1410 Physics Bldg. 5-3401.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin. One of America's favorite comedians delivers a hilarious tale about the meeting of some of the great (and not-so-great minds) of the early 20th century. Pugliese Theatre. 5-2201.*

February 17

9:30-11 a.m. Department of Environmental Safety Training. Monthly laboratory safety training for all new laboratory personnel. The orientation will be required for all new employees who work in laboratory settings and with hazardous materials. Space is limited. 0108 Engineering Classroom Bldg. 5-3960.

Noon-1:30 p.m. CASL Speaking Scholarship Series: "If You Can't Communicate, You Can't Lead: Communications and Presidential Leadership," Martha Kumar, Towson University. A brown bag lunch discussion. 1102 Taliaferro Hall.

Noon-1 p.m. Research & Development Presentations: "Hypnosis: Facts and Fiction," Akira Otani, counseling center. Counseling Center, 0106-0114 Shoemaker Bldg.

4:15 p.m. Women's Studies Latina Scholars Lecture Series. "Collective Dignity and Mutual Betrayal: The Complexities of Violence for Mayan Widows in Rural Guatemala," Linda Buckley Green, assistant professor, anthropology and international and public affairs, Columbia University. 2101 Woods Hall. 5-6877.

February 18

2-4 p.m. Building a Civil Society lecture series: "Social Capital and Social Trust," Robert Putnam, Harvard University, and E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post*. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

3-5 p.m. CLIS' Celebration of African Americans in the Information Professions. "A Political Guide

for Information Leaders in the 21st Century," Rep. Major R. Owens (D-NY). Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin. Pugliese Theatre. 5-2201.*

February 19

Noon to 1 p.m. Department of Communication Colloquium: "Bill Clinton and the Novelization of Political Community," John Murphy, University of Georgia. 0104 Skinner Building. 5-6527 or sp172@umail.umd.edu.

1 p.m. Materials and Nuclear Engineering Distinguished Speaker Colloquium Series. "Influence of Dopants and Defects on the Properties of CMR Manganites," S. Ogale. 2110 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Building. 5-5207.

8 p.m. Concert Society: "The Western Wind." Pre-concert seminar at 6:30 p.m. Inn & Conference Center, University College. 403-4240.*

8 p.m. University Theatre: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin. One of America's favorite comedians delivers a hilarious tale about the meeting of some of the great (and not-so-great minds) of the early 20th century. Pugliese Theatre. 5-2201.*

February 20

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February 21

2 p.m. University Theatre: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," by Steve Martin. One of America's favorite comedians delivers a hilarious tale about the meeting of some of the great (and not-so-great minds) of the early 20th century. Pugliese Theatre. 5-2201.*



The Concert Society of Maryland presents Western Wind, a six-member vocal ensemble, Friday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. at University College's Inn and Conference Center. The group's repertoire ranges from Renaissance motets and fifties rock to Shaker tunes and Jewish music.

Friday's program will include early American music, Renaissance madrigals and psalms, Spanish and Latin selections, poetry, American jazz and popular songs like "My Funny Valentine." The performance also features a pre-concert seminar at 6:30 p.m. where WETA's Robert Aubry Davis will moderate.

Tickets are \$23, \$20.50 for seniors and \$9.50 for students. The pre-concert seminar is \$3. For more information call 405-7847.

February 22

2-3 p.m. Workshop: "How to Access Terp Online." Career Center Multi-Purpose Room, Holzapfel Hall. 4-7225.

3-4:30 p.m. Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching and Learning Conversation: "What's Going on across the Hall? Innovations in Curricula and Teaching Practices from University Faculty," Andrew Wolvin, Mary Sies and Maynard Mack Jr. Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. 5-9980 or ls209@umail.umd.edu.

4 p.m. Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science: "Complexity Theory," William Gasarch, professor of computer science. 1111 Plant Sciences Bldg. five1@physics.umd.edu.

7:30-9:30 p.m. "Beyond 2001: Challenges in Space for the 21st Century," a thought-provoking discussion of the opportunities and challenges for space exploration in the new millennium, and the resulting impact on science, technology, international relations and society. Former NASA astronauts Andrew Allen and William Lenoir, NASA associate administrator Joseph Rothenberg and Roald Sagdeev, distinguished professor of physics and former science adviser to Soviet President Gorbachev. 5-8393 or jmurphy@deans.umd.edu.

8 p.m. School of Music: Symphonic Wind Ensemble. John Wakefield will conduct a program of "Wind Music by Women Composers," featuring Patsy Mote (wife of the president of the university) as narrator and faculty artist Dale Underwood on saxophone. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. 5-5542.

February 23

4 p.m. Physics Department: "How Things Break," Michael Marder, University of Texas, Austin. 1410 Physics Bldg. 5-3401.

8 p.m. Department of Dance: The B-Sides. A program of duets and solos by John Dixon and Lionel Popkin. Dorothy Madden Theater/Dance Bldg. 5-3198.*

February 24

9:30 a.m. Seminar: "Numerical Simulation of the Motion of Particles in a Viscous Fluid." 3206 Math Bldg. 5-5117.

11 a.m.-noon. Workshop: "How to Access Terp Online." Career Center Multi-Purpose Room, Holzapfel Hall. 4-7225.

Noon-1 p.m. Research & Development Presentations: "Situational Characteristics of Positive and Negative Experience of Same Race and Different Race Students," Velma Cotton, Warren Kelley and William Sedlacek. 0106-0114 Shoemaker Bldg.

6-7 p.m. Department of Resident Life Summer Conference Positions Interest Sessions. Interest sessions for hospitality and service Assistant jobs with the summer conference pro-

gram, which handles the housing needs of conference groups residing on campus during the summer. Multi-Purpose Room, Annapolis Hall. 4-4255.

8 p.m. Department of Dance: The B-Sides. A program of duets and solos by John Dixon and Lionel Popkin. Dorothy Madden Theater/Dance Bldg. 5-3198.*

4:15 p.m. Women's Studies Latina Scholars Lecture Series. "Locating La Virgen and La Malinche: Latinas, Sexuality and Everyday Life," Jane Juffer, Ph.D. in Latina/o literature, department of English, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2101 Woods Hall. 5-6877.

February 25

Noon. Institute for Global Chinese Affairs: "Cross-Strait Issues," C.K. Liu, TECRO. Brown bag lunch talk, reservations requested. Conference Room, 1122 Holzapfel Hall. 5-0213.

4 p.m. Spring 1999 CHPS Colloquium Miniseries in History and Philosophy of Biology. "Modeling Development: The Essential Turn of the Worm Project," Rachel Ankeny, department of philosophy, Connecticut College. 1117 Frances Scott Key Building.

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). Calendar information for Outlook is compiled from a combination of inforM's master calendar and submissions to the Outlook office. To reach the calendar editor, call 405-7615 or e-mail Outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

Stamp to Undergo Four-Phase Renovation

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"A student union plays a central role in a student's life outside of the classroom," says Gnadt.

Three Major Goals

With Stamp Student Union's upcoming makeover from the basement through the top floor, there are three major goals to be accomplished. Because the Union still operates under its original heating, air conditioning and electrical units from 1954, Gnadt says one of the main goals of the project is to replace the antiquated infrastructure of Stamp.

"We jokingly say that we hold it together with duct tape and a prayer," he says. "In some areas it unexpectedly seems like July in December."

Because replacing the heating, air and electrical systems in the Union entails tearing out the walls and ceilings, student union administrators felt traffic issues needed to be addressed as well. "It's a difficult building to navigate through," says Gnadt, noting the Stamp Student Union's maze-like building flow.

The planned renovations will bring a better sense of cohesiveness to the Union, says Gnadt. Dining choices like McDonald's and Taco Bell, plus additional restaurants will be grouped together in a food court-style area with expanding seating space. The University Book Center will be grouped with other business operations to form a "retail row." Meeting rooms will be housed on the second level and will accommodate conferences of up to 600 people.

Each of the student organizations will have its individual office and all student groups will be placed together in the same area. The placement will further enhance students' sense of community, says Gnadt.

"There will be more options, increased efficiency, more lounge seating and, aesthetically, the Union will be a much more pleasing experience," says Guenzler-Stevens.

Stamp Stands Alone

With its anticipated new look and layout, there are several distinct features that will set the renovated Union apart from other student

unions nationwide. Standout features include a three-story glass atrium that will showcase the north side of campus.

With the atrium, "there will be an increased amount of natural light coming into the building," says James Osteen, director of Stamp Student Union and Campus Programs. Although she's looking forward to a number of new aspects of the Union, Guenzler-Stevens considers the restaurant with the wall of windows overlooking the athletic fields as one of the standout features of the renovated Union. "It'll be a wonderful place for lunch or programs," she says, while adding she is also enthusiastic about the planned terrace at the front of the Union which will feature elegant French doors.

Making A BUMP

"B.U.M.P. Ahead in '99" is the motto of Stamp Student Union administrators and employees for this year and the years ahead until renovation is complete. The acronym B.U.M.P. means "Better Union for More People" and it is emblazoned on orange diamond-shaped pins being distributed to Union staff.

The renovations will be completed in four phases (see sidebar). One portion of the Union will be closed down, renovated and reopened. Then the process will start over again until each section of the Union is complete.

"We understand this is going to be an imposition on the campus. There will be times where we don't have the services that are usually available," says Gnadt. "The key is to provide the highest level of customer service we can."

Gnadt says keeping the campus community aware of what's going on during the renovations is a top priority. He says there will be regular updates, plus a newsletter and a renovation website to keep faculty, staff and students informed throughout the renovation process.

"It'll be a three-year process," says Osteen. "We ask for the patience of faculty, staff and students."

—LONDA SCOTT FORTÉ

Stamp Student Union Renovation Schedule

Phase 1 - Orange

Approximately May 1999 until July 2000

- Consists mainly of new construction on the north side of the building. Includes the construction of a new loading dock and new formal entrance to the building into the new North Atrium (a three-story open space with open balconies).
- During this phase the Hoff Theater and Grand Ballroom will be closed for renovation.
- The Orientation Office will be temporarily housed in Holzapfel Hall while their new offices are under construction.
- The Food Co-op and Media Express will be moved to the Eateries Buffet Court while their new spaces are under construction.
- A new "one-stop shopping" Campus Reservations Office will be constructed and includes reservations, catering sales, police services and program marketing.

Phase 2 - Red

Approximately June 2000 until December 2000

- Involves renovation of spaces located on the west side of the building near the parking garage.
- Construction of new office spaces for Office of Campus Programs, Orientation Office and Office of Commuter Affairs and Community Service.
- Construction of all new meeting rooms on the second level of the building and the renovation of the Colony Ballroom.
- Construction of the new food court seating area and the west half of the food vendors' area, including some new food vendor options.
- Renovation of the Recreation Center that will include a reduction to eight bowling lanes, a new billiards room area, a television lounge and a new video game space (plus snack bar).
- The renovation of the University Book Center to make it a two-story bookstore with space in the basement level. It will connect to a new space currently occupied by the Union Shop.
- The Ticket Office will move to a new location in front of the Hoff Theater.
- Chevy Chase Bank will move to a new location currently occupied by MailBoxes, Etc.

Phase 3 - Blue

Approximately January 2001 until August 2001

- Involves construction and renovation to spaces along the south side of the building facing Campus Drive.
- Finish construction of the east side of the food court vendor spaces.
- Construction of a new Parents Association Gallery.
- Construction of a new convenience store.
- Renovation of the mail entry lobby and construction of a new information desk.
- Construction of additional meeting and conference rooms on the second level.
- Construction of the Stamp administrative offices on the third level.

Phase 4 - Green

Approximately August 2001 until February 2002

- Construction of the new Student Government Offices and additional Student Organization Offices in the area now occupied by the McDonald's seating.
- Construction of a new catering and production kitchen in the basement level.

Stamp Student Union: In Retrospect



Over its 45-year history, the Stamp Student Union has changed its look numerous times, depending on the styles and interests of the times. Mod wallpaper, left, and pinball machines, right, were hot in the '70s, but a simpler style was seen in the '50s (top left). Billiards, right, remain popular today.



NOTABLE

The department of American Studies received two outstanding awards this academic year: the 1998 Annual Award for Departmental Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Education, and the 1998-99 Instructional Improvement Grant.

In a campus-wide competition American Studies won the departmental excellence and innovation award based on a submission by Professor **Mary Corbin Sies** and doctoral student **David Silver** for its "creative use of new information technologies to foster collaboration and critical thinking in undergraduate instruction." The award includes a certificate, a plaque and a monetary award of \$5,000.

The instructional improvement grant was for a proposal from Sies and Professor **Myron Lounsbury** for the Mini-Center for Teaching Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture and Society. The award carried a monetary prize of approximately \$14,000.

The School of Architecture joined with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Congress for the New Urbanism to host the "Rebuilding Communities: Hope VI and the New Urbanism" conference held in Baltimore last month. Hope VI is a HUD-sponsored initiative designed to rebuild and reassemble public housing into attractive, intelligently designed mixed-income communities of choice.

The HOPE VI program integrates public rental housing with ownership housing and has been cited as one of the most important developments in urban design and public policy to emerge in recent years.

Eighteen cities from across the United States, including Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia, presented HOPE VI projects to a panel of reviewers, including School of Architecture faculty **Matthew Bell**, **Miriam Gusevich** and **Ralph Bennett**. The review teams, composed of leading urban design professionals from across the country, commented on each of the proposals, from urban design strategies to housing initiatives and suggested ways in which each could be improved.

A project designed by Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects, Inc., was selected to receive a First Design Award from the Masonry Institute's 1998 Awards Program. The building selected for the award is Bartholomew House on River Road in Bethesda, a 30-room assisted living facility owned and managed by Victory Housing, Inc., of Rockville.

Ralph Bennett is professor of architecture in the School of Architecture and president of Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects. His partners in the firm, **Larry Frank** and **Brian McCarthy**, are graduates of the School of Architecture.

Assistant Professor of Astronomy **Douglas Hamilton** recently won the Urey Prize given each year by the Division of Planetary Science

of the American Astronomical Society to the best planetary researcher in the world under the age of 36. Hamilton's research is centered around the study of the motion of dust particles in the solar system such as the rings around planetary bodies.

The magazine *digitalsouth* has named **Charles Heller**, one of "The 50 Most Influential People in Southern Technology." Heller is director of the Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship at the Robert H. Smith School of Business.



Charles Heller

The magazine covers technology business and venture capital in the 13-state region from Maryland to Florida. In compiling its top-50 list, *digitalsouth* "scoured the region and accepted nominations to find out who moves and who shakes this industry." Others who made the list include Steve Case, CEO of America Online; Michael Dell, CEO of Dell Computers; Vint Cerf, senior vice president of Internet architecture and technology, MCI WorldCom; and Mario Morino, founder of Legent and head of the Morino Institute.

Robert Kolker, professor of English, recently published a film studies textbook and CD-ROM titled "Film, Form and Culture" (McGraw-Hill). Kolker says this is the first film studies CD and contains clips from real films, annotated, interactive and animated. To learn more about the new publication, see the website:

<www.mhhe.com/socscience/art-film/kolker/>



Robert Kolker

Arthur Popper, professor of biology, recently published the 11th book in a series he writes with a colleague called "The Springer Handbook of Auditory Research". "This is the definitive series on hearing for the late 20th century, and it has come to the point that it is cited in probably every single article on hearing that is published today," says Popper. "In other words, this has

become a formidable driver in the field of hearing sciences." Popper and his colleague have "perhaps 10 more books in various stages of production," he says.

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice, has selected its 1999 national award winners who have shown excellence and leadership in higher education and student affairs. **William L. (Bud) Thomas**, vice president for student affairs, has been presented the Fred Turner Award for outstanding service to NASPA. The award honors NASPA members who have demonstrated continuous NASPA membership for 10 or more years and who have served in a leadership role at the state, regional or national level of NASPA.

NEH Grants Establishes MITH in Arts, Humanities

The College of Arts and Humanities has been awarded a grant totaling \$410,000 by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to establish the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH). The university must raise \$1.6 million matching the federal funds by a 4-to-1 ratio.

"NEH challenge grants are essential to the health of the humanities in America," says NEH Chair William Ferris. "They have a multiplier effect by enabling organizations to raise many times the amount of the grant for humanities projects of national significance. Using the challenge grant as seed money, the university can offer private donors the incentive of having the impact of their contributions enhanced by federal funds."

"The award shows strong confidence by the NEH in our college's commitment to the use of technology in the service of humanities research and teaching," says James Harris, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Currently, the college's faculty includes a number of individuals who have pioneered the use and application of technology to the study of the humanities. To date, digital archives, teaching applications and other research tools have been developed in the fields of American studies, art and art history, archaeology, comparative literature, English, foreign language, gay and lesbian studies, cinema studies, history, history and philosophy of science, linguistics, music, philos-

ophy and women's studies.

Additionally, some recent innovations include The Dickinson Electronic Archives, a hypermedia edition of the poet's corpus; the Romantic Circles Project, a NEH award-winning Website devoted to the study of Romantic-period literature; and the Freedman and Southern Society Project, which captures the essence of slavery through the recorded oral histories from slaves. All have been conceptualized and offered as part of the university's curriculum.

The NEH grant enables the university to establish MITH as an educational center for the university, public school system and broader educational community with an emphasis on teaching, research and peer faculty training for teachers in K-16. "MITH is envisioned as a center where educators can build upon their collective experiences and achievements and use technology to expand the teaching of humanities into new territories," says Adele Seeff, director of the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies and co-chair of the committee that developed the initiative.

Grants made by the NEH Challenge Grants Program, requiring \$2, \$3, or \$4 in matching funds for each federal dollar, have generated more than \$1.2 billion in private-sector support for America's libraries, colleges, museums, historic sites and other eligible institutions since the program began in 1977.

Physics Team Celebrates Successful Space Test

Physics Professor Douglas Hamilton and members of the Space Physics Group breathed a sigh of relief recently after the first turn-on and check-out of their instrument, the Charge-Energy-Mass-Spectrometer (CHEMS), on the Cassini spacecraft. Cassini was launched on Oct. 15, 1997, but the scientific instruments had not been switched on until the spacecraft was far enough from the Sun to allow the high gain antenna to be pointed toward the Earth instead of being used as a sunshade.

On Jan. 3, with Cassini at about 1.5 AU from the Sun, the CHEMS' power was turned on, and over the next two days various high voltages were gradu-

ally increased. All parts of the instrument are working fine, and energetic charged particles were detected and identified as expected.

On Jan. 22, with this first instrument checkout period completed, CHEMS was again turned off. It will be turned on again in June to take data for several hours during the second flyby of Venus, and again in August for several days during the Earth flyby. After that Cassini will head on toward Saturn with a final gravity assist during a December 2002 flyby of Jupiter and insertion into Saturn orbit in 2004.

Student Affairs Leader Dru Bagwell Finds Perfect Balance to Work in World Travel

Two weekends ago, Dru Bagwell flew to London and had dinner with a friend. Some Fridays he takes the train to New York to see a play each weekend afternoon and evening. And in 1989, knowing Beijing's Tiananmen Square overflowed with students, he boarded a plane and witnessed history in the making.

His eyes twinkling, this 55 year-old, white-bearded administrator describes how travel balances the 10-hour work days he puts in as assistant vice president for Student Affairs. "Travel sets a different tenor for your life, makes you appreciate diversity, and is a wonderful escape and education," he says. "It keeps me refreshed when I come back to work."

With a philosophy of making each moment count, he savors his work as much as his leisure time. Even the committee meetings.

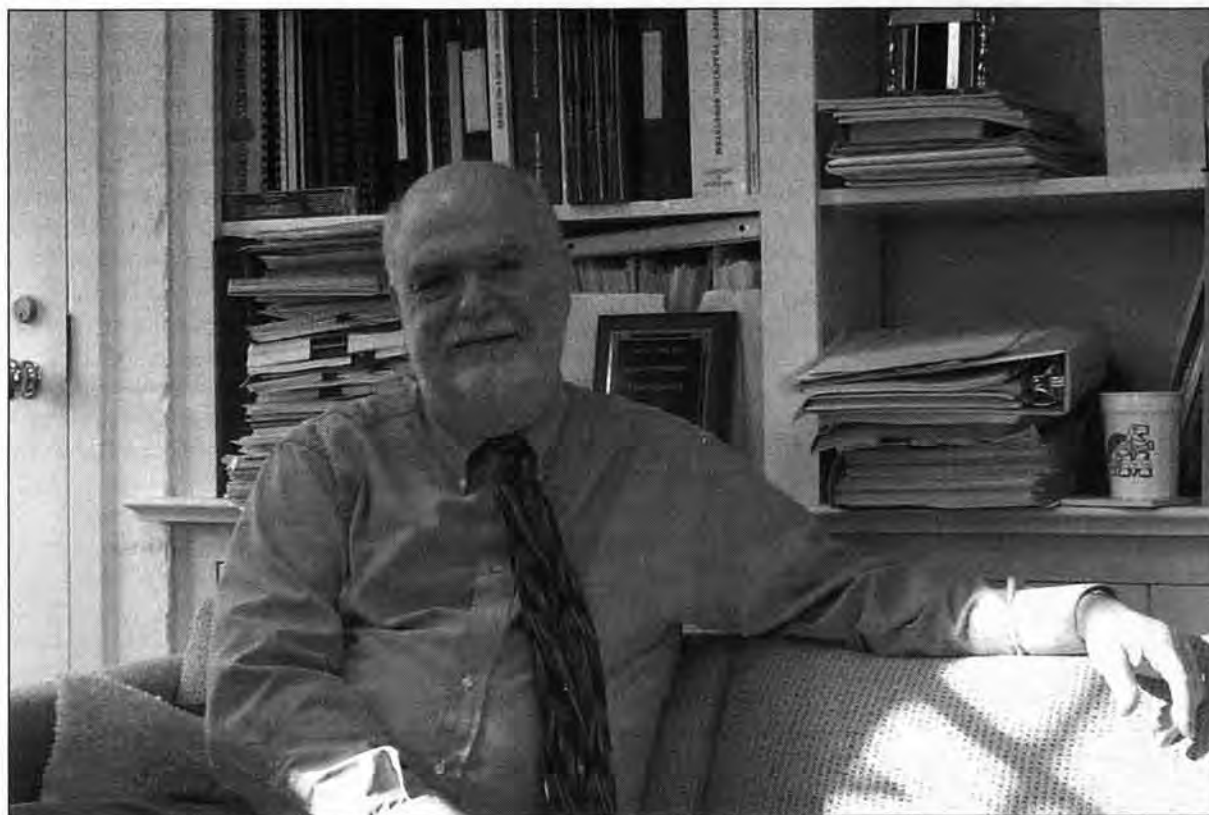
Bagwell has put in almost 30 years of administrative service, 24 of them at the University of Maryland. In his current roles as Student Affairs budget officer, representative of the vice president and ombudsman for student issues, he goes to countless committee meetings. Even the committees that are supposed to be temporary never seem to disband, he jokes, noting, "I think the Bicentennial Committee is still meeting."

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Bagwell also is adviser to the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor fraternity. He is proud to have been on the committee that put The Maryland Plan into place, establishing new standards for fraternities, which, Bagwell says, "returns these organizations to the reasons they exist - to help students with academic achievement and character development." He also teaches a leadership class and doctoral seminar for the Counseling & Personnel Services Department.

But his greatest love is working with students as adviser and mentor. "As far as my job goes," he says, "I could manage the budget and write the letters and do the committees, talk on the phone, answer the e-mails, and never see a student. But that's not why I'm in this business."

Over the years, he has helped students with personal problems, including substance abuse, poor grades and unclear plans for the future. This year he has met with five students on a semi-regular basis. He feels students think, "Dru will help you. He will treat you fairly, but he'll be tough."

"I worried once that I was a workaholic until I read that it's good to love your work," he says. When a student interviewer asked him a few years ago if there



Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Dru Bagwell, seen here in his office, has worked at the university for 24 years, and says he wouldn't change a thing about the work he does.

was anything he would do to change his job, he was surprised to realize he could not come up with an answer. "I thought, isn't it wonderful to be 55 years old, to have worked at a job for 25 years, and not think of anything I'd want to change."

And there is always travel. Bagwell, who has been to 51 countries, claims he caught the travel bug when he was a high school exchange student in Denmark. "It was one of my biggest curses," he laughs, "because it established in me this love of travel that is insatiable."

The most memorable trip? Being in Beijing for three days before and three days after the Tiananmen Square massacre. Although most people think of the massacre as being the defining event, Bagwell says, the students actually were there for about a month.

At first, he recalls, "It was like Woodstock. The students were living in little pup tents in Tiananmen Square, and they would sit around and sing songs. One student wrote me a poem about freedom and how precious it is. They thought they had brought the government to its knees, so it was a celebration."

Late on a Saturday night, everything changed. "Thousands were killed," he recalls. "I didn't see any of the killing, but I did see the bodies on Sunday after it happened. It only took a couple of hours."

Despite the tragedy, that trip stands out as being wonderful because of the spirit of the people he met. In fact, Bagwell often advises students to take time off to travel or at least to explore different life options. "I tell students, you don't have to rush to decide what you want to be when you grow up. When you're 20 to 30, you don't have anywhere near the constraints you do later."

So Bagwell, whose own career path changed after he received a law degree, urges students to see their 20's as a time to explore, before they have "a mortgage

and a spouse and credit card payments and car payments and a career. Travel. Do those wild and crazy things. Roll the dice and see."

Bagwell has not stopped doing these "wild and crazy things." During the winter break, he traveled to Japan, Cambodia and the Thai island of Phuket. When he eventually retires from administration, his dream is to have a second career traveling around the world teaching English, continuing to work with all kinds of people.

Asked to recall some of the more memorable people he has met in his life, Bagwell remembers that when he was about 12 years old, he sat on the bus next to presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson on his trip through Tennessee. At Carter's inaugural ball, he recalls having spent the night dancing with Ruth Warrick who plays Phoebe on 'All My Children'. And at Clinton's first inauguration, he had the honor of meeting Nelson Mandela.

But the person he most remembers meeting is the young man in Tiananmen Square who wrote him a poem. "I don't know if I've ever seen anyone as passionate. Passionate for democracy, for thought, for expression, for life."

That fits in with Bagwell's own philosophy of life. "I worked my way through college working at a mortuary," he says, "and because of that, I have all my funeral arrangements made. I even have my headstone picked out."

And the words Dru Bagwell wants on his headstone? "He lived his life to the fullest."

—STACIE MARINELLI

Alpharma Fellowship Established at UMBI

Training outstanding young researchers in biotechnology is the goal of the new Alpharma Fellows Program established at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute through a grant from the international pharmaceutical company.

Peter McCann, interim president of UMBI, says the program has been created with a pledge of \$135,000 for graduate research fellowships, to be paid over a five-year period. Funding may be renewed at the end of five years.

"Our close ties with industry influence the direction of research at UMBI," says McCann. "The Alpharma fellowship is the kind of educational collaboration critical to attracting the most outstanding students."

The Alpharma Fellows Program begins in July, with one student selected every two years who will perform scientific research at the UMBI in a field reflecting the interests and focus of Alpharma. The program will provide a two-year graduate fellowship and summer employment to an entering student. In addition, the company will underwrite annual travel by the Alpharma Fellow to the Alpharma Aquatic Animal Health research and development unit in Oslo, Norway, to facilitate on-site research interaction as well as to participate in seminars and meetings.

Alpharma Inc (NYSE:ALO) is a multinational pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets specialty human pharmaceutical and animal health products. Its Aquatic Animal Health Division, with facilities in Oslo and Overhalla, Norway, and Bellevue, Washington, is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of vaccines to immunize farmed fish against disease.

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Repairing the Breach

Bobby William Austin, president and CEO of The Village Foundation, will discuss "Repairing the Breach: African American Leadership and Public/Private Partnerships," Tuesday, March 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 1102 Taliaferro Hall. A former program director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Austin founded the "Urban League Review" and has served as a college administrator, editor and policy consultant in education and the humanities. The Village Foundation's mission is to develop and support programs to connect African-American men and boys—first, to their ethnic community; then, to the larger civic society.

This event is sponsored by the Center for the Advanced Study of Leadership, a program of The James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership. For more information, contact Scott Webster at 405-7920 or swebster@academy.umd.edu.

Space Challenges for the 21st Century

In celebration of National Engineers' Week, the A. James Clarke School of Engineering presents "Beyond 2001: Challenges in Space for the 21st Century," Monday, Feb. 22, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. "Beyond 2001" is a thought-provoking discussion of the opportunities and challenges for space exploration in the new millennium, and the resulting impact on science, technology, international relations and society.

The distinguished panel of experts includes former NASA astronauts Andrew Allen, now director of shuttle development for the United Space Alliance, and William Lenoir, vice president at Booz-Allen & Hamilton; Joseph Rothenberg, associate administrator, NASA; and Roald Sagdeev, distinguished professor of physics at the university and former science adviser to Soviet President Gorbachev. Maryland Public Television's award-winning broadcast journalist Bob Althage will moderate and lead the question-and-answer session following the presenta-

tions.

The forum is free and open to the general public. To RSVP, call 405-8393 or send e-mail to jmurphy@deans.umd.edu.

AAUW Meets

The College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting at the College Park Municipal Center, 4500 Knox Rd., Saturday, Feb. 27, at 11:30 a.m. Elaine Eff and Janice Marshall will talk about

is now administered through the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equity. To request a panel for classes, residence halls or other campus venues, you may use the form on the web site of the Office of LGBT Equity <www.umd.edu/lgbt/>, or contact Luke Jensen (ljensen@deans.umd.edu or 405-8721).

Please submit requests three weeks prior to the desired date.

Brown Bag Communications

The Center for the Advanced Study of Leadership presents Martha Joynt Kumar in a discussion of communication and presidential leadership, Wednesday, Feb. 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 1102 Taliaferro Hall. Kumar, senior fellow at the James

sp172@umail.umd.edu.

ID Card Open Houses

All faculty and staff who do not have the new photo ID card are encouraged to attend open houses scheduled for Feb. 18, 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 1130 of the Mitchell Building, or come to the Public Information Counter in the first floor lobby of the Mitchell Building Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. before March 1. Any faculty or staff members who are new to the university must bring a request for a photo ID letter from their payroll coordinator.

Any questions can be addressed to Meridith Harvey at 314-7932 or mharvey@deans.umd.edu.

Staff Training

The Office of Information Technology is sponsoring a

the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs (IGCA) in 1122 Holzapfel Hall. C.K. Liu, one of the division directors at TECRO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office) will share current TECRO policy on cross-strait relations and discuss up-to-date issues.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Rebecca McGinnis at 405-4312.

Hornbake Library Materials Storage

Due to collection space limitations in the Art Library and Engineering and Physical Sciences Library, a storage collection was begun in the ground floor of Hornbake Library some time ago. The stored items are low-use materials and, until recently, have been open and available to library users.

The storage collection is now expanding and that, coupled with the beginning of renovation activities in the Hornbake Library, has led to a decision to secure this collection by restricting access. Materials in storage can be requested from the circulation desks of the "home" library for the items, either EPSL or the Art Library.

If you have questions about retrieval of materials from storage or concerns about materials that have been moved to storage, please contact the appropriate branch head: Neal Kaske, EPSL, 5-9144 (nk20@umail) or Lynne Woodruffe, Art Library, 5-9065 (lw64@umail).

Public French

The department of French and Italian invites you to a public lecture (in French) by Professor Jean-Michel Heimonet (Catholic University of America) "Tocqueville, Premier, Theoricien de la Democratie: Societe et Exercice Intellectuel," Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 3120 Jimenez Hall.

Building a Civil Society

"Social Capital and Social Trust," the third lecture in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' "Building a Civil Society" lecture series, is offered Thursday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. Featured speakers are Robert Putnam, Stanfield Professor of International Peace at Harvard University, and E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post* columnist.

For more information, call 405-1679.

Show Your Terrapin Pride

The third annual Terrapin Pride Day takes place Monday, March 8, in Annapolis, and the university hopes you'll be there. Join other faculty and staff, students, parents and alumni as they celebrate with each other, the General Assembly and other elected officials the university's bold vision for a bright future.

This year participants will meet at 5 p.m. at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel for an hour-long, information-packed pep rally. Those who don't want to drive to Annapolis can catch a bus from campus. Buses board in front of Cole Field House at 3:30 p.m. and leave promptly at 4 p.m.

After the rally, visit legislators in their offices. Then celebrate during a reception from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Governor's Reception Room in the State House.

Make plans now to be a part of Terrapin Pride Day. Get more information, register to attend and make shuttle bus reservations at www.inform.umd.edu/SupportUM or by calling 314-7884.

"Community and Women's Work on Smith Island, Md." This meeting is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council and is free to the public. For questions or directions contact es107@umail.umd.edu

China Seminar

The Institute for Global Chinese Affairs (IGCA) invites you to a China Seminar, "20 Years After Normalization with China and the Taiwan Relations Act," Thursday, March 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 0101 Taliaferro Hall. The presenters will be Ambassador James Lilley of the IGCA and the American Enterprise Institute, and Ambassador Harvey Feldman of the Asian Studies Center at the Heritage Foundation. A reception will follow.

Rebecca McGinnis can be contacted for reservations at 405-0213; fax: 405-0219; or e-mail: rm165@umail.umd.edu. There is no charge for this event. All are welcome.

LGBT Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau of the undergraduate Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance

MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership and professor of political science at Towson University, is the featured speaker for the brown bag lunch discussion titled "If you Can't Communicate, You Can't Lead."

Kumar is the former president of the Presidency Research Group of the American Political Science Association and has served on the editorial boards of Presidential Studies Quarterly and the American Journal of Political Science.

For more information, contact Scott Webster at 405-7920 or swebster@academy.umd.edu.

Novel Politics

"Bill Clinton and the Novelization of Political Community" is the subject of a colloquium featuring John Murphy of the University of Georgia. His noon to 1 p.m. talk, sponsored by the department of communication, takes place Friday, Feb. 19, in Room 0104 Skinner Building.

For more information, please contact Shawn Parry-Giles at 405-6527 or

Staff IT Training, "Intro to Windows 98," Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the new Staff Development Training Lab, Patapsco Building. This workshop is designed for new Windows users or novice Windows 95 users upgrading to Windows 98. You will learn to use the mouse, explore the desktop and Start menu, use the Taskbar, manipulate windows and get help. In addition, you will learn how to modify the Windows environment, experience Windows multi-tasking capabilities and explore file management techniques.

There is a \$110 fee for training and course materials. Seating is limited and web-based preregistration at <www.inform.umd.edu/ShortCourses> is required. Questions about course content can be directed to oit-training@umail.umd.edu; questions about registration can be directed to the aITs Library at 405-4261.

China Issues Talk

Faculty and staff are invited to a brown bag lunch Thursday, Feb. 25 at noon, at